
THE ACTS CHURCH 2:42
"EXPERIENCE REAL CHURCH"

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TEXT: *John 14:12-24 KJV*

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater *works* than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father. (13) And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that ***will I do***, that ***the Father*** may be glorified in the Son. (14) If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do *it*. (15) If ye love me, keep my commandments. (16) And ***I*** will pray the ***Father***, and ***He*** shall give you another ***Comforter***, that ***He*** may abide with you for ever; (17) *Even* the ***Spirit of truth***; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. (18) I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you. (19) Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also. (20) At that day ye shall know that I *am* in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you. (21) ***He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him***. (22) Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world? (23) Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love ***Me***, he will keep my words: and my ***Father*** will love him, and ***We*** will come unto him, and ***make Our abode with him***. (24) He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me.

INTRO: *How Will the Real Church Survive*

Remember from Last Week

2 Timothy 2:15 KJV *A True Disciple*

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

S – Stay in the Word – Abide in the Word and the Word Abide in you
T – Test what you learn against other scripture
U – Use what the Holy Spirit teaches you immediately – put it into action
D – Disciple someone else – Teach them what you've been taught
Y – Yield yourself to the authority of God's Word

(Whatever He says to you do it!)

THAT MAKES A *TRUE DISCIPLE*…
WHAT MAKES A *TRUE CHURCH* OR A *JESUS CHURCH*

The church is not a building – It is not a location – The Church is a gathering of Christ's Disciples

A group of Christ's disciples who are making more disciples of Christ so that they can in turn make more disciples of Christ and on and on until Christ returns!

With so much hatred toward the Church
and the world embracing an anti-Christ world view –

HOW WILL THE REAL CHURCH SURVIVE?

I. *THE REAL CHURCH HAS THE HOLY SPIRIT*

John 14:15-18 KJV

If ye love me, keep my commandments. (16) And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; (17) *Even* the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he ***dwelleth*** with you, and shall be in you. (18) I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.

Acts 1:7-8 KJV

And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power. (8) But ye shall receive power, *after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you*: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Acts 2:36-38 KJV

Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ. (37) Now when they heard *this,* they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men *and* brethren, what shall we do? (38) Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and *ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost*.

II. *The Real Church has the Manifest Presence of Christ*

John 14:20-24 KJV

At that day ye shall know that I *am* in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you. (21) He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and ***I will love him, and will manifest myself to him***. (22) Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world? (23) Jesus answered and said unto him, *If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him*, and ***we will come unto him, and make our abode with him***. (24) He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me.

The ***Manifest Presence of Christ*** is what happens when worship and praise Him in Spirit and in Truth

The psalmist says that ***HE*** inhabits the praises of ***His*** people Psalm 22:3

III. The Real Church need not be Shaken

2 Thessalonians 2:1-4 KJV

Now we beseech you, brethren, *by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him*, (2) That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand. (3) *Let no man deceive you* by any means: for *that day shall not come,* except there come a falling away first, and *that man of sin be revealed*, the son of perdition; (4) Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; *so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God*.

Matthew 24:15 KJV

When ye therefore shall see the *abomination of desolation*, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)

Matthew 24:21-22 KJV

For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. (22) And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.

Matthew 24:27 KJV

For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

Matthew 24:29-31 KJV

Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: (30) And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. (31) And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.